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## CONNECTICUT VOTER REGISTRATION OFF THE CHARTS

### YOUNG PEOPLE LEAD THE WAY AS VOTER REGISTRATION SURGE CONTINUES

**HARTFORD:** Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz reports that record numbers of Connecticut residents are registering to vote. In the ninety days since the February 5<sup>th</sup> presidential primary, nearly 34,000 residents registered to vote. Young people (18-29 years-old) appear to be the driving force behind the latest registration surge more than 12,000 18-29 year-olds registering in the last ninety days. The latest registration numbers closely mirror the registration over the ninety day period prior February 5<sup>th</sup> primary when an incredible 40,000 Connecticut residents registered to vote.

“With young people leading the way, Connecticut residents are registering to in impressive numbers,” said Bysiewicz. There is an incredible renewed sense of enthusiasm and interest in the political process,” said Bysiewicz. “The surge in voter registration we experienced before the February 5<sup>th</sup> primary has continued through April and into May.”

Currently, there are 1,925,328 registered voters in Connecticut. Among newly registered voters nearly 14,000 Democrats and 4,500 Republicans registered to vote. Additionally, 15,000 unaffiliated voters registered. Of the nearly 34,000 newly registered voters, more than 12,304 are between the ages of 18 and 29. Since February 5<sup>th</sup>, among newly registered younger voters, Democratic registration has outpaced Republican registration: 5,010 to 1,369.

The nearly 34,000 newly registered voters represents a significant increase from the same 90 period last year (February 5, 2007 – May 5, 2007), when 13,771 Connecticut citizens registered to vote.

“This past February, record numbers of young people cast ballots,” said Bysiewicz. “In this time of economic insecurity, war, and environmental peril, young people clearly want a say in the direction of this country.”

The Office of the Secretary of the State maintains an aggressive voter registration program working closely with community groups, high schools, universities and others to expand civic involvement among Connecticut residents. As part of her effort to increase voter registration in Connecticut, Secretary Bysiewicz this past year registered nearly 2,000 high school students. She has also conducted more than 200 voting machine demonstrations highlighting the new machines and registering voters. The Office of the Secretary of the State regularly registers new citizens to vote at naturalization ceremonies across Connecticut.

### TOTAL 18 TO 29 YEAR-OLD VOTER REGISTRATION BY PARTY FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> – MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

Connecticut For Lieberman	11
Democratic	5,010
Green	19
Independence	24
Independent	26
Libertarian	12
Reform	2
Republican	1,369
Unaffiliated	5,830
Working Families Party	1
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	12,304

### CONNECTICUT VOTER REGISTRATION BY PARTY

<u>Party</u>	<u>Count</u>
A Better Future	3
A Connecticut Party	54
A Sentinel Party	36
Concerned Citizens	274
Connecticut For Lieberman	45
Democratic	705,783

Enfield Taxpayers Party	2
Friends Of Saybrook	20
Green	1,791
Independence	946
Independence For Montville	11
Independent	1,776
Libertarian	816
Norwich for Change	1
Orange Taxpayers	8
Pro-Bethel	5
Reform	90
<b>Republican</b>	<b>410,891</b>
Swing	2
<b>Unaffiliated</b>	<b>802,720</b>
Waterford Independent	1
Winsted Independent	42
Working Families	11
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<b>Total Active Voters:</b>	<b>1,925,328</b>

#### **VOTERS REGISTERED 02/05/08 THRU 05/05/08**

<u>Town</u>	<u>Count</u>
Andover	19
Ansonia	195
Ashford	41
Avon	143
Barkhamsted	51
Beacon Falls	51
Berlin	150
Bethany	49
Bethel	211
Bethlehem	18
Bloomfield	270
Bolton	52
Bozrah	26
Branford	231
Bridgeport	2,093
Bridgewater	13
Bristol	714
Brookfield	214
Brooklyn	74
Burlington	90
Canaan	5

Canterbury	33
Canton	68
Chaplin	16
Cheshire	211
Chester	27
Clinton	129
Colchester	165
Colebrook	3
Columbia	37
Cornwall	13
Coventry	80
Cromwell	146
Danbury	626
Darien	164
Deep River	40
Derby	111
Durham	70
East Granby	71
East Haddam	73
East Hampton	93
East Hartford	508
East Haven	227
East Lyme	121
East Windsor	102
Eastford	9
Easton	84
Ellington	185
Enfield	317
Essex	62
Fairfield	623
Farmington	300
Franklin	26
Glastonbury	247
Goshen	35
Granby	102
Greenwich	503
Griswold	86
Groton	373
Guilford	214
Haddam	78
Hamden	584
Hampton	13
Hartford	1,181
Hartland	24
Harwinton	41
Hebron	67
Kent	33
Killingly	149

Killingworth	47
Lebanon	41
Ledyard	146
Lisbon	52
Litchfield	142
Lyme	15
Madison	133
Manchester	579
Mansfield	183
Marlborough	95
Meriden	443
Middlebury	44
Middlefield	44
Middletown	462
Milford	470
Monroe	314
Montville	180
Morris	7
Naugatuck	239
New Britain	798
New Canaan	190
New Fairfield	136
New Hartford	110
New Haven	992
New London	352
New Milford	432
Newington	264
Newtown	482
Norfolk	7
North Branford	66
North Canaan	18
North Haven	184
North Stonington	42
Norwalk	978
Norwich	516
Old Lyme	54
Old Saybrook	127
Orange	79
Oxford	148
Plainfield	137
Plainville	207
Plymouth	102
Pomfret	27
Portland	72
Preston	45
Prospect	62
Putnam	91
Redding	104

Ridgefield	210
Rocky Hill	175
Roxbury	14
Salem	29
Salisbury	23
Scotland	10
Seymour	183
Sharon	19
Shelton	347
Sherman	22
Simsbury	147
Somers	62
South Windsor	174
Southbury	180
Southington	432
Sprague	37
Stafford	61
Stamford	1,120
Sterling	34
Stonington	192
Stratford	630
Suffield	115
Thomaston	56
Thompson	106
Tolland	142
Torrington	277
Trumbull	422
Union	3
Vernon	339
Voluntown	28
Wallingford	254
Warren	16
Washington	42
Waterbury	719
Waterford	161
Watertown	138
West Hartford	563
West Haven	530
Westbrook	57
Weston	88
Westport	221
Wethersfield	170
Willington	79
Wilton	124
Winchester	89
Windham	169
Windsor	304
Windsor Locks	142

Wolcott	103
Woodbridge	77
Woodbury	88
Woodstock	62
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<b>Newly Registered Voters</b>	<b>33,423</b>